°us high courts has submitted any report to the Government; if so, when and what were its recommendations; and

(b) whether any action has since been initiated on any of these recommendations; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LA\V AND JUS TICE (DR, SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY): (a) and (b) The Report of the Commit tee was received by the Government in September, 1990. These recommenda tions pertain to State Governments, the High Courts, some of the Central Minis tries and the Judiciary itself. These re commendations cover various aspects like jurisdictional and procedural modifica tions |improvements in the judiciary, set ting up of specialised bodies such as tri- bunals|commissions to deal with specific types of cases, fixation of judge strength and appointments of Judges in High Courts, creation of more posts in the Subordinate judiciary and a number of other general recommendations relating to modernisation of office equipment in courts and allocation of more funds to the judiciary improvement in day to day working of the Courts, etc. These recom mendations have been forwarded to all concerned such as State Governments, the Central Ministries and the High Courts.

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**Price, Production and Import of Rubber**

104. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY; Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what had been the highest and the lowest price of natural rubber during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) how much rubber had been imported during this period, year-wise;

(c) what had been the production of natural rubber during this period year-wise; and

(d) what steps are being taken to increase the production of natural rubber?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER $_{TN}$ THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SHANTILAL iPURUSHOTTAMDAS PATEL): (a) The details of pri$_{Ce}$ of natural rubber during the last 3 ycar$_s$ has been as under:—

Price in Rs. per quintal

| Year | Highest | Lowest |
|---|---|---|
| 1987-88 1988-89 | 1880 | 1730 |
| 1989-90 | 1935 | 1740 |
| (b) The details | 2650 | 1835 of |
| rubber during the | import of natural ' last 3 | |
| as under:— | years has been | |

*(In metric tonnes)*

| *Year* | *Quantity* |
|---|---|
| 1987-88 1988-89 | 41,984 51,363 26,549 |
| 1989-90 | of production of natu-last |
| (c) The details | ral 3 years has been |
| rubber during as | (in metric tonnes) |
| under:— | |

| Year | Quantity |
|---|---|
| 1987-88 1988- | 2,35,197 |
| 89 1989-90 | 2.59,172 2,97.300 |

(d) The following measures are now implemented by the Rubber Board to enhance production of natural rubber:—

(1) Granting financial and technical assistance for new planting and replan- *S* ting and replanting under Rubber Planfation Development Scheme.

(2) Producing and distributing high yielding planting materials.

(3) Rendering advisory. extension and training services.

*(4** Encouraging community proces- sing and marketing among small holders.

(5) Undertaking research on cultiva tion, production and processing of rub- ber.

**Production an-i export of cotton**

105. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MP.HTA-Wili the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated production of cotton for this year and the next year;

(b) what is the *ad valorem* and quantum of export this year and estimated next year; and

(c) what steps are being taken to export processed cotton in yarn or in fabric form?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRY (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV); (a) The Cotton Advisory Board has estimated a production of 122 lakh bales of cotton during the current cotton year (Sepember, '90—August, '91). No estimate of production for next year is available at this stage.

(b) During the current cotton season quotas for export of 11.55 lakh bales of cotton have so far been released. The value of exports of this quota is expected to be more than Rs. 550 crores. It has been decided that a minimum export quota of about 5 lakh bales should be released at the commencement of every cotton year, subject to adjustments being made after the detailed crop estimates arc available.

(c) Government have taken a number of steps to boost textiles exports such as enhancement of quota for yarn export, allowing import of a number of sophisticated machineries at concessional duty, providing export credits at reduced rates of interest, exemption of Tax on export earnings case compensatory support, etc.

**Stand by credit received from International Monetary Fund**

106. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the MINISTER OF FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to ask for a stand-by credit from the International Monetary Fund of 1.5 billion Dollars without giving up the option of applying for a bigger structural adjustment of loan later;

(b) if so, what are the terms suggested by Government; and

(c) whether some Senior officials have been sent abroad for talks in Washington to discuss conditions for IMF assistance to India and if so, what is the outcome of the talk?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) Discussion are being held with the IMF to explore the possibilities of drawing resources available to member countries from the Compensatory and Contingency Financing Facility (CCFF) and other facilities.

**भारत पर बकाया विदेशी कर्ज**

**107. डा. अबरार अहमद :** क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इस समय भारत पर कितना विदेशी कर्ज बकाया है और गत वर्ष नवम्बर माह में यह कितना था ;

(ख) किन-किन देशों से यह कर्जा लिया गया था और इस समय प्रत्येक देश का कितना-कितना कर्ज हम पर बकाया है ;

(ग) भारत ने किन-किन देशों को कर्ज दिया है ;

(घ) भुगतान सन्तुलन की स्थिति में सुधार लाने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं ; और

(ङ) नवम्बर, 1989 में भुगतान संतलन की क्या स्थिति थी और इस समय यह स्थिति क्या है ?

**वित्त मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री और विदेश मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री दिग्विजय सिंह) :** (क) 31-3-1989 और 31-3-1990 को भारत पर बकाया विदेशी ऋण की राशि क्रमशः 69,361 करोड़ रुपए और